DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

November 8, 2021,

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments are requested regarding: whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments regarding this information collection received by [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] will be considered. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review - Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

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Rural Business-Cooperative Service

TITLE: 7 CFR 1951-R, Rural Development Loan Servicing

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0570-0015

SUMMARY OF COLLECTION: The Rural Development (RD) Loan Servicing was legislated in

1985 under Section 1323 of the Food and Security Act of 1985. This action is needed to

implement the provision of Section 407 of the Health and Human Services Act of 1986, which

amended Section 1323 of the Food and Security Act of 1985. Subpart R of 7 CFR part 1951

contains regulations for servicing and liquidating loans made by Rural Development under the

Intermediary Relending Program (IRP) and the Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program

(RMAP) to eligible intermediaries and applies to ultimate recipients and other involved parties.

NEED AND USE OF THE INFORMATION: Rural Development has determined that the

financial reporting requirements are necessary to provide the Agency with current information to

monitor the program, to make various reporting requirements to Congress, and for program

innovation and expansion under the Government's Performance Review.

Servicing of the IRP is administered by RBCS in Washington, DC, which will be the primary

user of the information collected, which is vital to RBS for prudent loan servicing, credit

decisions, and reasonable program monitoring.

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS: Non-profit corporations, public agencies, Tribal councils,

and cooperatives.

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 475

FREQUENCY OF RESPONSES: Reporting: On occasion; Quarterly; Semi-annually; Annually

TOTAL BURDEN HOURS: 11,878

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